

COMMEMORATING AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AS AMERICAN HISTORY

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on this last day of the month that we commemorate African American history, as I speak to my schools and community groups, I make the argument that we should celebrate and commemorate all of our diversities throughout the year because we all are Americans, and the history of African Americans is just that, the history of America.

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I rise today to honor a local hero, Nellye Joyce Punch, who happens to be an African American soldier of good fortune for those who do not have. Nellye Joyce Punch has been someone who has worked in the fifth ward area for a number of years, and she fights against hunger in our community. Last evening, Target Hunger, an organization that she helped found, honored her. Well deserved. Because Nellye Joyce Punch when no one was speaking about the hungry in America, she was on the front line. She was someone who worked with my predecessor Mickey Leland and as well the Honorable Barbara Jordan. She has never left the fifth ward community. She is an educator. She is known as someone whose door is always open. She and her husband are both charitable and wise, and young people always know that when Nellye Joyce Punch is around she is there to be of help.

What a great African American hero. What a great hero of America. What a great person. Nellye Joyce Punch should be honored by all of us not only this month but throughout the year.

UNETHICAL REPORTING BY NPR

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, today the Corporation for Public Broadcasting will testify before the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education of the Committee on Appropriations. The Corporation for Public Broadcasting oversees National Public Radio. As we review National Public Radio's budget, I must express my outrage at their unethical report on the anthrax mailings.

On January 22, NPR broadcast a story linking the Traditional Values Coalition to the anthrax mailings here on Capitol Hill. There are no facts and no sources to support this charge of the NPR broadcast. Though they have since issued a correction of the story, there was no apology. I am very concerned that their previously liberal bias has transformed into an all-out attack on conservative and Christian or-

ganizations. Four people died from the anthrax mailings, and it is very serious to accuse people of that crime without any supporting facts.

Andrea Lafferty and Reverend Shelton of the Tradition Values Coalition are good friends and loving people. It is shocking that anybody could consider them capable of such a horrific act. NPR receives Federal funds, and therefore we in Congress have a responsibility to make sure that our constituents' taxpayer dollars are not misused for such malicious and unethical reporting.

COMMENDING THE WORLDCOM CLASSIC

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the charitable efforts of Worldcom Classic, the Heritage of Golf and the Heritage Golf Classic Foundation, a non-profit organization located at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, which sponsors the annual Worldcom Classic Golf Tournament in April of each year and which generates \$56 million for the hospitality industry of Beaufort County and the low country of South Carolina.

Since 1987 the Heritage Classic Foundation, chaired by Joseph B. Fraser, has given over \$8.1 million to numerous charities, including noteworthy organizations such as Volunteers in Medicine of Hilton Head Island, the Shiners Hospital for Crippled Children in Greenville, Boys and Girls Club of Hilton Head Island, The Penn Center and Meals on Wheels. Also, 88 students have benefited from over half a million dollars distributed in scholarships to Beaufort County High School graduates.

Last year they donated a record amount of \$1 million, surpassing the \$2 million total of the prior 7 years, which goes out to the 102 charities and colleges across South Carolina.

I want to thank the tournament director, Steve Wilmot, and all those involved with Worldcom Classic, the Heritage Foundation of Golf, for their tireless efforts to support the low country of South Carolina and congratulate them on being an example to all communities of this Nation of how one group with the determination and desire to reach out and help neighbors can actually change lives and make dreams come true.

IMMORALITY OF CLONING

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, the world was amazed a few years ago when scientists in Scotland successfully cloned a sheep. Many of us wondered what was coming next. Well, in November, Ad-

vanced Cell Technology of Massachusetts announced that they had successfully cloned a human embryo. Amazingly, there are people out there who think cloning human beings is perfectly okay. Right now the U.N. is meeting to discuss a ban on what they call "reproductive cloning."

Mr. Speaker, I think we all know what a redundancy is. It means using two words that mean the same thing. Cloning is by definition reproductive. The only question is how long will the clones survive. But the pro-cloning crowd wants to create this false distinction so they can keep on cloning human beings as long as they do not grow up. In other words, they want to clone human beings as long as they are used for experimentation and then destroyed.

Mr. Speaker, this is sick and it needs to stop. The House has passed a cloning ban. America is still waiting for the other body to do the same thing so we can put a stop to this immoral and ethical science.

HONORING AMERICA'S POSTAL WORKERS

(Mr. DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work and amazing contributions of United States postal workers who since September 11, since the anthrax scare has continued to do yeoman work in delivering the mail without any sense of stoppage. I just think that these men and women are continuously owed a debt of gratitude, and we say thanks to the American postal workers.

SAFE TRANSPORTATION OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL

(Mr. SHIMKUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to put an end to the claims from opponents of used nuclear fuel disposal who say transporting the material is unsafe. These claims have become louder since President Bush made a decision to move forward with the disposing of nuclear waste in Yucca Mountain. The truth is their concerns are misguided. You cannot argue with the fact that almost 3,000 safe shipments of used nuclear fuel have taken place without any release of radioactive material. That is right. On some 3,000 occasions used fuel has traveled by truck or rail across this country including almost 500 in my home State of Illinois. And the reason you probably have not heard about this is because not one of these shipments has threatened the environment or public safety.

States like Illinois have gone to great lengths to set up a system that